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on the nature and cause of the Kiangwan Ammunition Dump explosions of 7 December 1946, which lasted for forty hours and resulted in the alleged loss of approximately 30,000 shells exploded.)

1. Two weeks before the explosions more than ten shiploads of Japanese ammunition arrived in Shanghai from Formosa. Unloading and transportation of the ammunition from the wharf to the dump were completed before noon of 6 December. The explosions occurred the following morning. There appears to be little possibility of the cause being an "accident", as has been repeatedly stated by the officials concerned.

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2. A small group of Communists long ago secretly entered the service of the Second Air Battalion. With this personnel at his disposal, TSENG Seng (曾 僧), head of the Special Service Section of the Shanghai Communist Political Defense Bureau, spent two weeks making preparations for the "accident". Shortly before the explosions, TSENG sent seventeen reliable Communists, including two "suicide" workers, all disguised as beggars, to work as coolies in the transportation section. TSENG himself was in the Liaison Office of the Second Air Battalion only two hours before the explosions occurred, but left the scene when they started. There were also about 200 Communist People's Democratic Self-Defense troops scattered about the dump to cooperate with Communists on the inside. Investigation after the explosions disclosed that two Communists had been wounded and two others were missing.

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